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In re Application of: **HIROKI  
KITAHORI ET AL.**

Serial No.: **09/825,649**

Filed: **04 APRIL 2001**

For: **DISK DEVICE AND DATA-  
ERASING METHOD**

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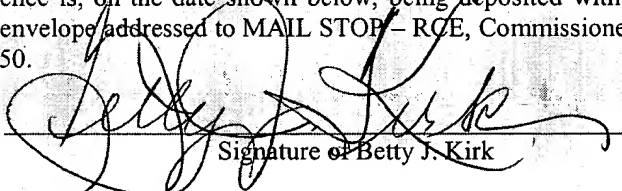
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, with a shortened statutory period ending March 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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